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AN ADDRESS TO THE PUBLIC.

Defence of the American Free Common School System, by the National League for the Protection of American Institutions.

The practice of the nations in the support of schools where the union of Church and State prevails, furnishes no precedent for the United States. We are not looking to monarchies for instruction concerning the best training of youth to fit them for citizenship of this republic.

Popular suffrage here rests for its safe exercises upon the character and intelligence of all classes of the people. The republic for its own preservation has established and must insist upon maintaining a free common school system of education.

It must be maintained without compromise. It is the only institution cap able of converting the dangerously heterogeneous elements of our population into a safely homogeneous citizenship.

The tax for the maintenance of public schools levied upon all citizens, whether they have children to educate or not, is for the public good and not for pri-The State opens it schools with equal

advantages to the children of all its citizens. Its laws make no distinction as to the creed of the individual in the choice of its teachers. In the State of New York no compulsory law exists requiring the attendance of children upon the common schools of the State.

The State does not deny the right to parents, organizations, or churches, to establish and maintain private or parochial schools at their own expense.

A movement, however, with audac ious demands and specious claims has been initiated in the State of New York for the division of the public school funds on sectarian lines, and it is announced that the same programme is

proposed for all the States. That this has mainly in view selfish and not public ends is shown by the fact, that the movement is being pushed almost exclusively by a single religious denomination which for many years, by its chief authorities, has been as saulting the public school system. A few of its more liberal representatives have tolerated the system, and have sought in many ways to control it. Every compromise, however, between sectarian and public schools which has previously been tried has invariably resulted in the humiliating surrender

of some vital principle of public school education. It is undoubtedly true that a majority of the citizens of even the denomination making these demands, prefer the pub lic schools for their children and patronize them whenever free to do so. It is unquestionably true that a full proportion of the teachers in these public schools are attached to the church which by many of its official antagon

izes this common school system. It is auspicious for the republic that the demands made are now plainly set forth and clearly defined.

There is now no opportunity for the compromising citizen or politician, to

evade responsibility. The question is not, are these common schools capable of improvement.

The questions presented by the proposed bill, and which now demand an

1. Shall the whole principle on which the common schools rest, i. e., the right and duty of the State to educate impartially its own children for intelligent citizenship be surrendered to its

2. Shall the common schools be disintegrated and destroyed by the dispersion and use of their funds for sectarian

3. Are our citizens in favor of the union of Church and State in the most dangerous possible feature of such union, viz., in the fundamental and elementary education of future citizens?

These questions now demand an answer and must be permanently settled for weal or woe. We believe they will be settled in the interests of the whole ious their claims or urgent their de-

The National League for the Protection of American Institutions whose executed in highest style of art. If not objects are stated in Article II, of its satisfied with it, after you get it, we will refund the stamps and let you keep

"The objects of the League are to se- Chicago, Ill.

cure constitutional and legislative safeguards for the protection of the common school system and other American institutions, and to promote public instruction in harmony with such institutions, and to prevent all sectarian or denominational appropriations of publie funds."

This organization, unsectarian and non partisan in character, with a constituency of hundreds of thousands in all the States of the Union, composed of the formers of public opinion in their respective States and communities, and with the various American patriotic orders representing over two millions of voters, and patriotic Americans, native and naturalized, of all parties cooperating with it, proposes to contest vigorously in all the States and in the National Congress this organized assault upon our cherished American institutions.

We have been seeking, thus far with good success, and propose to continue to seek the amendment of defective State constitutions, to bring them into harmony with the principles involved in the proposed XVI, Amendment to the United States Constitution, which the National League has formulated and is advocating, as follows:

"No State shall pass any law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or to be used, for the purpose of founding, maintaining or aiding, by appropriation, payment for services, expenses, or otherwise, any church, religious denomination or religious society, or any institution, society, or undertaking which is wholly, or in part, under sectarian or ecclesiastical control."

We believe that these principles, incorporated in the organic law of the Nation and of the States will produce the following results:

1. Preserve the integrity of the funds, and the fair and impartial character of the American free public school system. 2. Eliminate religious controversy from political questions and issues. 3. Secure and perpetuate essential

separation of Church and State. 4. Destroy the intimidating power of ecclesiasticism over both citizens and

We shall call upon the forthcoming New York State Constitutional Convention to formulate an amendment to the State Convention, prohibiting sectarian appropriations, and to submit it to the people for a separate vote, in Vocal Duett. order that this important question shall

not be complicated with other issues. We appeal to all loyal American citizens to cooperate in every feasible. way in the defence of the American free public school system, on which the safety of the republic and the peace

By order of the Executive Committee of the National League for the Protection of American Institutions.

W. H. PARSONS, President. JAS. M. KING, General Sec't. JOHN P. SMITH, of Jonesboro, Vice President for Tennessee.

A Christmas Fruit Cake.

Cream together one pound of brown ugar and one pound of butter, writes Frances E. Lanigan in a practical article on "Christmas Cakes and Candies" in the December Ladies Home Journal. Beat the yolks and whites of ten eggs separately. Add the yolks with one pound of seeded raisins, one pound of currents, and half a pound of sliced citron, one third of an ounce each of ground cinnamon and nutmeg, and one quater ounce each of ground mace and cloves, also one pound of flour that has been slightly browned. Add the whites of the eggs. Mix and beat well. Turn into a mould and bake for five hours in a moderate oven. Before using, ice and decorate with candied

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TUESDAY NIGHT. PRAYER.

MUSIC. Miss Keen, Miss Davis, Miss ADDRESS

MUSIC. .Virgie E. Squibb MUSIC. Piano Trio..... Miss Wilds, Miss Keen, Miss Hoss.

Vocal Duett. Miss Wilds, Mr. C. E. Dillworth. Essay-Heat..... Adah V. Davis, MUSIC. Piano Duett...... Miss Deake, Miss Mathes ... Mollie Hoss.

Piano Duett... Miss Adler, Miss Cone Song Lida Keen Essay-Composition...... Mollie A. Webb.

Piano Duett. Miss Adler, Mr. C. E. Dillworth Essay-Small Beginnings..Virgie E. Squibb. MUSIC. Song—(Guitar).......Carrie Dosser. Duett—(Piano and Violin)..Messrs. Broyles and Dillworth.

BENEDICTION. WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

Piano Trio.... Miss Davis, Miss Squibb, Miss Presnell. Essay-Education...... Mollie C. Febuary MUSIC. Piano Duett..... Misses Hoss and Maxwell.

.....Adah V. Davis. Vocal Solo. Essay--The Hours that Shine. Carrie Dosser. MUSIC.

Essay-Deeds are Fruit, Words but Leaves.

Essay-Twilight Musings. Mattle A. Presnell MUSIC. .. Misses Wilds and Dosser Essay-Toil, Mental and Manual.....Mary Stuart Nelson.

MUSIC. Piano Trio.... Miss Hoss, Miss Mathes, Miss Harris. Song--(Guitar)......Carrie Dosser Essay--There's Much That's Beautiful..... Jennie B. Shipley.

MUSIC. Callie Presnell. MUSIC.

Essay--Living Too Fast..... Bell Tyler. Piano Duett. Miss Adler, Mr. C. E. Dillworth Essay-God's Chosen Veils..... Lida Keen MUSIC. Lida Keen Piano Trio..... Miss Adler, Miss Deane, Miss

> BENEDICTION. The Southern Protectionists.

The Wilson tariff bill, if enacted without change in the iron and steel schedule, will practically close up every blast furnace in the Southern States. The most severe cut for the iron interests of the country is the reduction of of the duty on pig iron to 221 per cent. With English pig iron brought over as ballast coming in at all the Atlantic and Gulf ports the question will naturally arise, where will the Southern blast furnaces find a market for their pig? It seems incredible to The Press that the Alabama, Tennessee and Virginia Senators can be so blind to the interests of their States as to vote for the destruction of this important industry. The South may be able to make cheap iron, but it can not compete with English iron coming in at the ad valorem rates of duty fixed by Mr. Wilson.

With this prospect shead it is not surprising that Southerners engaged in productive industry are protesting against the removal of the duties which protect their operations. What effect these protests will have upon the House or Senate The Press does not undertake to say, though they do not appear to have been successful in modifying the views most perfect made.

time for these complainants to have lifted up their voices was election day The Delineator for January comlast year. Having permitted the Democrats, almost without protest, to elect representatives upon a free trade plat-

form, what could the Southern protectionists have expected but that their own industries would be assailed? The South contains multitudes of influential men who believe in the protective system, who recognize its value to the region in which they live, and who regard the free trade doctrines of the Southern politicians as pernicious and

of the committee. Clearly, the right

destructive. And yet these men go to the polls year after year and vote to send free traders to Congress; or else they maintain a passive position and permit their enemies to override them without making even a contest. For many years the Republican party

has legislated impartially for the protection of the industries of the whole country. It has helped the Southern manufacturer, as well as the manufacturer of the North. It has never refused to give protection to an exclusively Southern industry that needed protection. When, in the public interest, it priate to the times is Fur Sets and removed the duty from sugar, it gave Trimmings. The Tea Table Talk for the Louisiana planters full compensation the month is full of information, and don in the shape of the bounty. Despite this fidelity of the Republican party to designs is given in tatting, knitting, the great principles it professes, the hand of the Southern manufacturer has always been lifted to smite that organization. His influence has always been against it. If ever he has had an impulse to range himself upon the side of his friends and to stand up courageous-

ly for his convictions, somebody had but to shout "negro domination" to impel him to fly back to the Democratic ranks like a frightened sheep. If protection is worth having it is worth fighting for. An American citizen who permits the "negro" consideration, or any other consideration, to induce him to vote with a political party that makes war upon his own interests is hardly enough of a man to deserve to possess the franchise. If the Southern protectionists want protection they must contend for it precisely as Northern protectionists do. They must declare openly against the free trade party and they must use their best efforts to defeat the Congressional candidates of that party. They need to repudiate and suppress the lawyers and professional politicians and theorists who are always hungry for office in the South, and to send to Washington capable men who

some of the Southern States perilous. They need also to determine that if white men's votes will not give them what they want they will get it by the help of black men's votes. Meantime they may do something to evert the disaster which menaces them because of their negligence and timidity by making vigorous protests against the passage of the Wilson bill and by putting direct pressure upon individual

vote against it.-New York Press. Mr. Ira P. Wetmore, a prominent real estate agent of San Angelo, Texas, has used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in his family for several years as occasion required, and always with perfect cure for our baby when troubled with colic or dysentery. I now feel that my outfit is not complete without a bottle of this Remedy at home or on a trip away from home. For sale by F. E. Britton, Druggist.

A Herald of the Infant Year.

Clip the last thirty years or more from the century, and the segment will represent the term of the unbounded popularity of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. The opening of the year 1894 will be signalized by the appearance of a fresh Almanac of the Bitters, in which the uses, derivation and action of this world famous medicine will be lucidly set forth. Everybody should read it. The calender and astronomical calculations to be found in this brochure are always astonishingly accurate, and the statistics, illustrations numor and other reading matter rich in interest and full of profit. The Hos tetter Company, of Pittsburgh, Pa., publish, it themselves. They employ more than sixty hands in the mechanical work, and more than eleven months in the year are consumed in its pre-paration. It can be obtained, without cost, of all druggists and country dealers, and is printed in English; German, French, Welsh, Norwegian, Swedish; Holland, Bohemiau and Spanish.

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LITERARY NOTES.

Winter Holiday Number. It is an unusually attractive issue, the fashion being appropriate to the season, and the reading matter varied and interesting. The distinct holiday flavor is contributed by a helpful article entitled What the Shops Show, and anthe holiday season. Household Renovation deals with the cleansing of various articles and gives valuable in formation about cleansing fluids, Child Life treats of Training a Boy for Business, and Physical Culture continues the instruction given last month on the Physical Expression of the Emotions. Small Economies is a particularly seasonable and valuable article at this time and one that will be of service to every housekeeper; and much may be gained from the second paper on Things that Should be Left Uusaid. An illustrated article on House and Street Gowns is of general interest to ladies, and another approcrocheting, lace making, etc. The subscription to the Delineator is only one dollar a year. Single copies fifteen cents. Address orders to Butterick Publishing Co. 40 East Fourteenth Street, New York.

The Christmas Number of Scribner's Magazine contains five short stories of unusual beauty in sentiment, especially chosen for their appropriateness to the Christmas season. The authors are Robert Grant, Thomas Nelson Page, Henry Van Dyke, Edith Wharton and Herbert D. Ward. There is in addition a hitherto unpublished work of fiction by Sir Walter Scott, which is here printed by arrangement with Mrs. Maxwell Scott, and introduced and edited by Andrew Lang. The poetry of the number represents an equally notable list of authors including Thomas Bailey Aldrich, Richard Henry Stoddard, Edith M. Thomas, Duncan Campbell Scott, and Graham R.

The illustrations represent the best work of eminent artists, including J. R. Weguelin, Edwin Lord Weeks, F. S. Church, Howard Pyle, A. B. Frost, and Irving R. Wiles. A. novelty in are actually engaged in productive industry. They need to defy that tyranny magazine illustration is sixteen pages of public opinion which has made free of exquisite hafl tone reproductions of thought, free speech and free action in the Della Robbia sculptures, printed in tint to suggest the delicate material of the Robbia work. These pictures are made from the unequalled collection of photographs by Professor Allan Marvuand, who has for years studied the subject and who writes a delightful description of travels in Italy in search of Bobbias. Another unusual feature is the music of Song by Gilchrist, entitled "January and May," which is decorated and illustrated by representatives to induce to them to Howard Pyle. Stil another feature is "An Artist Among Animals," by F. S. Church, the eminent animal painter, who here tells in a charming way, his methods of studying the habits of wild and domestic animals, and illustrates his anecdotes with his own sketches.

F. Marion Crawford, the distinguished novelist, who in "Paul Patoff" showed his wonderful familiarity with Constantinople and his exquisite power of describing it, has written for Scribner's two articles on "Constantinople" which in themselves are a perfect expression of all the varied life and color of that wonderful city. Edwin Lord Weeks, whose pictures of Oriental life are famous, made a special trip to Constantinople to collect the material for illustrating these articles. The pictures which accompany the first article in the Christmas number are as successful in their way as Mr. Crawford's unequalled text.

Althogether the number represents a a striking list of contributors, and great richness of illustrations, there being twenty full pages and forty text and causes agonizing pains. What is pictures.

A Christmas Homily. It is probable that human ears had

never heard a song so full of sweet melody and so freighted with possible good as that sung by the angels on the first Christmas Eve. Who can sing sweeter than angels? And what sentiment sur- all who suffer from rheumatism.

passes that of "Glory to God" and "Peace on Earth?" If mortals could perfectly weave these sentiments into mences a new volume and is called the character, each life would be a psalm of sweeter music than that sung by these angels. This indeed is the meaning of the song, and of the remarkable child, and of Christmas. Where, also, on our green earth, is there a spot more worthy to be the birthplace of such a babe than Bethlehem in Judea? This other reviewing the books issued for quiet village hangs upon the crescent hillside like a bird's nest among leaves, and the circling hills from a natural cradle, sheltered from the winds, and focusing the sun's December rays. On almost any winter night you can stand upon their oriental housetops and see the moonlight flooding this cradle valley with its silvery halo, and watch the shepherds now, as of old, tending their flocks of sheep and goats, and, so real is the scene, that you can almost hear again the angel song, and fancy that hope is dawning anew on a weary world as the morning dawn rises over the Moab uplands eastward. The setting of these sacred hills is not unworthy of the jewel it bore.

Now, for eighteen centuries, once a year, at least, men have turned their thoughts toward the sacred village, the an unusually attractive assortment of sun and the manger, and, like the wise men of the East, have laid their gifts and homage at the feet of this newborn

> Christmas day is the best of all our holidays. There is more meaning in it than in any other we celebrate. It is cheeriest and has the most reason to be so. It is by emphasis a day of the heart and of the home. Motherhood and babehood, and home and hope, are its touches of nature that make the whole world kin. What is holier than motherhood? It subdues the warring race of man into brotherhood by its tender memories of years long gone and its tenderer ministering of years now present. And what is sweeter than babehood? Artists have painted this Christ babe as the perfection of all babe lovliness. The babe of the Sistine Madonna expresses our thought of what the Babe of Bethlehem was, and who does not love a babe? With a babe and a mother we have home and childhood. Nazareth, like Bethlehem, is a garden among the hills, and here was the home and childhood of Christ. Here yet Mary's fountain flows from the rock and the women water carriers, erect and in single file. bear the graceful water jars upon their shoulders. The stone dwellings and

simple furniture are as of old. It was in a manger at birth and a humble dwelling through childhood that the divine human babe was introduced to a life that has brought hope and cheer to multitudes.

Thus Chrstmas speaks to man through some of the dearest relationships he sustains, and the words it speaks are that all men should live for the glory of God and for peace among men.

Christmas is well celebrated in song, after the example of the first celebration. Music is the language of joy. Heart joy speaks in the soft murmuring music of the soul when no ear is near; home joy finds expression in the chorus of mingled voices around the hearthstone; a nation's joy breaks forth in martial hymns or peans of liberty; universal joys demands angelic harmonies. Once the stars sang together for joys and the trees of the fields clapped their hands, and once angelic messengers sang a Christmas anthem of universal peace.

Christmas is well celebrated with gifts. When Heaven gives so royally to men, men may well give to each other. How rich in self forgetfulness and how beautiful in service was that life which Christmas celebrates. Santa Claus with his loaded pack has stood the criticism of the years largely be-cause of the spirit of giving which he represents—Christmas gifts and Christ-mas songs,—Gilbert Frederick. The Cause of Rheumatism.

An acid which exists in sour milk

and cider, called lactic acid, is ed by physicans to be the cause of rheu-matism. Accumulating in the blood, it attacks the fibrous tissues in the joints

acid, and to so invigorate the kidneys and liver that all waste will be carried off. Hood's Sarsaparilla is heartily reccommended by many whom it has cured of rheumatism. It possesses just the desired qua ities, and so thoroughly purifies the blood as to prevent occurrence of rheumatic attacks. We sug gest a trial of Hood's Sarsaparilla by